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SUBJ: WMO TAX REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

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1. WMO HAS FINALLY DECIDED THAT DEPARTMENT'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL ON THIS SUBJECT IS LIKELY TO BE BEST FORM OF AGREEMENT IN THE LONG RUN.

2. HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE TO AMERICANS EMPLOYED UNDER VOLUNTARY FUNDS, THEY HAVE SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING INTERPRETATION: "... IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE USA ARE FIRSTLY TO BE USED TO RECOUP THE FUND FOR AMOUNTS PAID AS TAX REIMBURSEMENTS TO US CITIZEN EMPLOYEES, AND THE BALANCE ONLY TO BE CONSIDERED AS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND".

3. THE SECRETARIAT IS CONCERNED THAT TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD MAKE IT NECESSARY TO LIST AS ONE OF THE CHARGES AGAINST THE VAP(F) COSTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF US TAXES OF INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYEES. FURTHER, THEY FEEL THAT THE ACCOUNTING OF THESE EXPENDITURES MIGHT RAISE QUESTIONS IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS FINAL AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURES FROM THE VAP(F). IF NO AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE PAID FROM THIS FUND, THEN THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE US CONTRIBUTION WILL, OF COURSE, BE CREDITED.

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4. WMO WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHETHER SUCH AN

INTERPRETATION IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT,
BEFORE THEY FORWARD THEIR PROPOSAL TO THE MISSION.CATTO

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